

Minutes of the
52nd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION PROFESSIONALS
25 February 2011

Camp Ripley Post Headquarters
Little Falls, MN

Ray Valley called the workshop to order at 9:00 AM. Ray welcomed attendees, highlighted the diverse background of attendees, and introduced the Post Commander, Col. Scott St. Sauver. The Post Commander thanked attendees for the work we do that helps the MN Nat'l Guard and Camp Ripley provide training to soldiers. With that, Ray introduced the theme of today's meeting, "Contaminants and Natural Resource Management." See the Association's website for copies of summary of presentations.

Morning Session:

Dr. Deborah Swackhamer, Executive Director, Minnesota Environmental Partnership: Keynote: Contaminants of Emerging Concern: Occurrence, Sources, Fate, and Challenges

Bruce Johnson, Contaminants Specialist, Retired: Hardrock Mining Contaminants

Mark Ferry, Pollution Control Agency: Presence and Fate of Pharmaceuticals and Endocrine Active Compounds in Minnesota's Surface Water

Dr. Randy Kolka, U.S. Forest Service: Watershed Cycling of Mercury

Luncheon Speaker

Dr. Swackhamer, A Safer Tomorrow: Fixing our Toxics Problem

Afternoon Session:

Dr. Shawn Schottler, St. Croix Watershed Research Station: Sediment Fingerprinting in Minnesota & Mississippi River and Trends Leading to Erosivity of Rivers

Molly Tranel, Farmland Wildlife & Populations Research Group, MN DNR: Impacts of Lead Ammunition on Wildlife, Humans, and the Environment: Where Do We Go From Here?

Business Meeting

Anna called the business meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Brian Stenquist made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, 2nd by Mark Hauck. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Beau handed out the 2010 annual meeting minutes. Jeanine Vorland made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Bill Faber. Passed unanimously.

Logo & Letterhead – Paul Stolen

We've tentatively decided on a logo that shows the state outline with ECS subsection boundaries. Designer is looking at revisions that would overlay some features (e.g. loon, leaf, etc.) and should have final logo for consideration in a few weeks.

Treasurer's Report – Ann Geisen

Membership Savings (S1) balance of \$1,509.52; Free Checking (S7) balance of \$750.94, for total balance of \$2,260.46.

Beau made motion to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Paul Stolen, Passed Unanimously.

Zach and Jeanine volunteered for the audit committee to review the ledger, and reported back that the books balanced. Ray Valley made motion to approve the auditor's report; 2nd by Brian Stenquist. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed By-law Changes

Beau presented resolution #1 to the membership to change Association By-laws to fully reflect changes to the organization in 2009 (Section 1), to allow annual meetings to be held through the end of March each year (Section 4), and to add additional language to appropriate sections (Sections 4, 9, 10, 13, 19, 21) regarding internal communication and decision-making via electronic means. Jeanine proposed amendments to change language referencing e-mail, website, etc. to 'electronic means' or something similar.

Beau also presented resolution #2 to membership to update the Association's Article of Incorporation by drafting Articles of Amendment that adopt changes that were made to the organization's name (Article I); mission, purpose and membership base (Article II); changes to the registered office of the organization (Article V); changes to names and addresses of incorporators (Article VI); and list of directors (Article VII) during its 2008 & 2009 annual business meetings.

Jeanine made a motion, and Doug Norris 2nd, to approve resolution #1 as amended, and to accept resolution #2. Passed unanimously. Jeanine made another motion, 2nd by John Schladweiler, to provide board authority to decide whether or not state filing of Articles and address is needed; passed.

Elections

- Nominations were accepted from the members for the vacant positions

President Elect –	Brian Stenquist	Junior Director –	Todd Holman
Secretary –	Beau Liddell	Junior Director –	Paul Stolen
		Junior Director –	Jesse Amo
		Junior Director –	Willis Mattison

- The following positions comprise the remainder of the board and were not up for election in 2011

President –	Anna Lipenga	Senior Director –	Bill Faber
Past President –	Ray Valley	Senior Director –	Jack Lauer
Treasurer –	Ann Geisen	Senior Director –	Nicholas Snavely
		Senior Director –	Dan Steward

- Beau made a motion to approve the slate of candidates as listed; Bill seconded the motion. Rob Naplin moved to approve the ballot and call the vote, Mark Hauck 2nd.
- Both motions passed unanimously.

Other Emerging Issues for Discussion:Dedicated Funding Working Group White Paper

- Ray Valley indicated that the DFWG is actively watch-dogging the legislature's interpretation of and attempts to change language associated with how habitat dollars are to be spent, as well as actual use of legacy amendment funds, so that the spirit and intent of the amendment is adhered to.
- DFWG is documenting the history of the amendment passage and what the original intent was. They have contracted with the house researcher (John Hellend) and this will cost some to complete. Dave Zentner has requested that we commit to donate up to \$300 if it is needed.
- Rob Naplin made a motion, and Jeanine seconded, to commit to this for purposes of protecting dedicated funding. Passed.
- Ray reported back via e-mail that he went to a meeting on March 17th and passed along the news to Dave Zentner that the Board approved the donation. Dave was appreciative of MNACP's donation but won't need any money until the paper is finished and finalized. Then he'll invoice all the contributors.

2011 Legislative Session and Environmental & Natural Resource Bills

- Jim Lilienthal began this discussion by highlighting a number of bills that had been introduced to the environment & natural resources committees in both houses. Both houses are dominated by republicans, and are a lot of bills that should be of concern to conservation interests. Currently there are more bills in these two committees than any other committee.
- Bills of concern:
 - SF0237 (Skoe) – PCA & DNR responsibilities on water issues transferred to BWSR
 - HF0635 (Hackbarth) – Eliminate any programs within DNR that duplicate private functions.
 - HF332 – No net gains of public land.
 - HF0471 (McNamara) – Involving Mn outdoor funding, provisions appropriation and intent of legacy amendment.

- Various bills associated with state employees, including reductions in state employees by 2015 from July 1, 2011 levels. HF192.
- HF1 & SF42 – require environmental review to be completed in 150 days, and provides industry the opportunity to do their own environment review.
- At least one bill that would not require permits to remove cattail.
- Other bills of interest:
 - Cornish bill on no net loss of public hunting lands.
 - Bill requiring coordination with Wisconsin regarding phosphorus loading due to impaired status of Lake Pepin.
- Consensus of those attending meeting that current ByLaws provide the board authority to act electronically as we see things develop or receive information from membership anytime during the year, especially during the legislative session.
- Several comments from members that if we have the opportunity to address various bills through letter writing, etc., that our groups should emphasize that professional resource managers should be allowed to do their jobs and to apply science based, objective decision making. Legislators shouldn't circumvent science and dictate management on matters they have no expertise with or knowledge of the facts behind an issue.
- Some felt we should write a letter quickly to Governor if the environmental review bills pass.
- Others emphasized that we need to adhere to our organization's purposes – science-based decision-making. Don't chase bills or issues that doesn't challenge our purpose & public employees.
- Our strengths are to advocate MNACP Article II (focusing on our mission of professionalism and science-based decision-making), and since legislators don't care who we are, a letter to Outdoor News or other publisher will likely carry more weight, and we can carry the bully pulpit better this way. Can be done through electronic media and present well thought out letters to our partners (e.g. MOHA, MCF, etc.) and they are often looking for information and issues to carry forward.
- However, we need to be smart because our organization doesn't have a lot of members and we don't have a lot of time to commit due to our demanding jobs and personal lives.
- Anna indicated that she's created a Facebook Account for MNACP, but still needs logo, etc. We can also do alerts on our webpage. Need to realize that a lot of folks, including a growing number of folks over 40 years of age, now are 'plugged-in' and with our limited resources this could be a very effective means to take action. Ray concurred that we should consider using those as vehicles for bringing up issues.

Miscellaneous

- Website has more information on it now and should grow over time. We should recognize Matt Lauer for his efforts in creating and maintaining the website. This has been a huge improvement to the organization. Keep your eye on the website in coming months for new information and actions the board takes on various issues.
- Ray & Anna extended a thanks to all outgoing directors for their service and welcomed all the new board members.

Having no more business, Jeanine made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Brian seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned @ 5:15 pm.

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Financial Statement

Annual Meeting - February 25, 2011

Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union

2010 Share A/C - Membership Savings (\$1)

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1/1/10 balance carry-over from 2009				1007.23	
1/31/10 dividend credit			0.17	1007.40	
2/28/10 correction to 31 Jan dividend credit			0.26	1007.66	
2/28/10 dividend credit			0.15	1007.81	
3/28/10 deposit		500.00		1507.81	proceeds from the annual meeting
3/31/10 dividend credit			0.19	1508.00	
4/30/10 dividend credit			0.25	1508.25	
5/31/10 dividend credit			0.26	1508.51	
6/30/10 dividend credit			0.25	1508.76	
7/31/10 dividend credit			0.13	1508.89	
8/31/10 dividend credit			0.13	1509.02	
9/30/10 dividend credit			0.12	1509.14	
10/31/10 dividend credit			0.13	1509.27	
11/30/10 dividend credit			0.12	1509.39	
12/31/10 dividend credit			0.13	1509.52	
2010 totals =	0.00	500.00	2.29		
2010 final balance =				1509.52	

Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union

2010 Share A/C - Free Checking (\$7)

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1/1/10 balance carry-over from 2009				1482.99	
1/30/10 Ray Norgard - re-imbusement (check #2012)	188.34			1294.65	newsletter mailing expenses
2/26/10 Econofoods (check #2013)	85.09			1209.56	donuts and supplies for the annual meeting
2/26/10 Initiative Foundation (check #2014)	75.00			1134.56	room rental for the annual meeting
2/26/10 Charlie's Pizza (check #2015)	227.14			907.42	lunch for the annual meeting
2/26/10 Initiative Foundation (check #2016)	15.00			892.42	coffee for the annual meeting
3/7/10 Lee Sundmark - re-imbusement (check #2017)	21.49			870.93	postage and labels for a second mailing
3/15/10 John Huber - re-imbusement (check #2019)	169.99			700.94	renewal of website & domain name
3/25/10 Green Mill (check #2021)	55.00			645.94	board meeting lunch
3/25/10 Custom Art Concepts (check #2020)	260.00			385.94	raffle prizes for the annual meeting
3/26/10 deposit (#3374)		901.00		1286.94	annual meeting receipts
5/21/10 Jimmie Johns (check #2022)	74.51			1212.43	board meeting lunch
6/5/10 deposit (#1245)		20.00		1232.43	membership dues & donation - Tim Brastrup
7/9/10 deposit (#2035)		45.00		1277.43	membership dues & donation - Zappetillo & Lilienthal
7/23/10 Friends Bar & Restaurant (check #2023)	76.80			1200.63	board meeting lunch
8/9/10 deposit (#299)		65.00		1265.63	membership dues & donation - Hennagir & Knudson
9/13/10 Jack Lauer - re-imbusement (check #2024)	77.00			1188.63	website & domain name fee
10/6/10 Friends Bar & Restaurant (dc #1)	63.80			1124.83	board meeting lunch
10/8/10 Beau Liddell - re-imbusement (check #2025)	46.00			1078.83	rental fee for P.O. Box
11/22/10 Office Max (dc #2)	9.65			1069.18	seals for mailing the November 2010 newsletter
11/23/10 Office Max (dc #3)	238.37			830.81	November 2010 newsletter - printing & folding
11/29/10 Brainerd Post Office (dc #4)	35.20			795.61	postage for November 2010 newsletter
12/3/10 Office Max (dc #5)	44.67			750.94	extra copies of the November 2010 newsletter - printing & folding
2010 totals =	1763.05	1031.00	0.00		
2010 final balance =				750.94	

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Share A/C - Membership Savings (\$1)	\$1,509.52
Share A/C - Free Checking (\$7)	\$750.94
Grand Total	\$2,260.46